

## § 946.25

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### § 946.25 Selection.

(a) Persons selected as committee members or alternates to represent producers shall be individuals who are producers of fresh potatoes in the respective district for which selected, or officers or employees of a corporate producer in such district. Such individuals must also have produced potatoes for the fresh market for at least three out of the five years prior to nomination.

(b) Persons selected as committee members or alternates to represent handlers shall be individuals who are handlers in the State of Washington, or officers or employees of a corporate handler in the aforesaid State, and such persons shall be residents of the State of Washington.

(c) The Secretary shall select committee membership so that, during each fiscal period, each district, as designated in § 946.31, will be represented as follows:

- (1) District No. 1—Three producer members and one handler member;
- (2) District No. 2—Two producer members and one handler member;
- (3) District No. 3—Two producer members and one handler member;
- (4) District No. 4—Two producer members and one handler member;
- (5) District No. 5—One producer member and one handler member.

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### § 946.26 Acceptance.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a committee member or as an alternate shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary within ten days after being notified of such selection.

### § 946.27 Term of office.

(a) The term of office of committee members and alternates shall be for 3 years beginning on the 1st day of July and continuing until their successors are selected and have qualified: *Provided, however*, That the terms of office of the initial committee under the amended order shall be determined by the Secretary so that the terms of of-

fice of one-third of the initial members and alternates shall be for 1 year, one-third for 2 years, and one-third for 3 years.

(b) Committee members and alternates shall serve during the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified, or during that portion thereof beginning on the date on which they qualify during the term of office and continuing until the end thereof, and until their successors are selected and have qualified.

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### § 946.28 Powers.

The committee shall have the following powers:

(a) To administer the provisions of this subpart in accordance with its terms;

(b) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this subpart;

(c) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violation of the provisions of this subpart; and

(d) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this subpart.

### § 946.29 Duties.

It shall be the duty of the committee:

(a) At the beginning of each fiscal year, to meet and organize, to select a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary, to select subcommittees of committee members, and to adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it may deem advisable;

(b) To act as intermediary between the Secretary and any producer or handler;

(c) To furnish to the Secretary such available information as he may request;

(d) To appoint such employees, agents, and representatives as it may deem necessary and to determine the salaries and define the duties of each such person;

(e) To investigate, from time to time, and to assemble data on the growing, harvesting, shipping, and marketing conditions with respect to potatoes, and to engage in such research and